

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 476 - HB 1253

March 6, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL AS AMENDED (004959): Requires, as opposed to authorizes, the Department of Correction (DOC) to advance or reimburse witness expenses necessary to the prosecution of a criminal case upon request by the District Attorney General and approved by the court.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL AS AMENDED:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-25-129(a)(2), a witness for the state duly subpoenaed and required to attend before any court, grand jury or magistrate in a county other than that of their residence and more than five miles from their residence are entitled to compensation and mileage.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 40-25-129(c)(1), the DOC, through the judicial cost accountant, may advance or reimburse witness expenses necessary to the prosecution of a criminal case as requested by District Attorney General and approved by the court.
- The proposed legislation requires, as opposed to authorizes, the DOC to advance or reimburse witness expenses necessary to the prosecution of a criminal case upon request by the District Attorney General and approved by the court.
- Any impact to DOC as a result of the proposed legislation is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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